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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Restriction Requirement

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I. Claims 1, 21-28, drawn to Signaling path distinct from trunk (e.g., CCIS), classified in Class 379, subclass 230.

Group II. Claim 12-15, drawn to Query processing (i.e., searching), classified in Class 707, subclass 3.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions Group I. Claims 1, 21-28, drawn to Signaling path distinct from trunk (e.g., CCIS), classified in Class 379, subclass 230 and Group II. Claims 12-15, drawn to Query processing (i.e., searching), classified in Class 707, subclass 3 are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In this instant case, invention Group I has separate utility such as for use in a method for routing a signaling message in a telecommunication network. See M.P.E.P. § 806.05(d).

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reason given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated proper.

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. **Any amendment of inventorship must be**

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accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alam Elahee whose telephone number is (703) 305-4822. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Fri from 9:00am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (703) 305-4895. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4750.

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